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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Jerome Grant II

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10,12,14,16,17 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Detailed Action

1.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1 and 6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Yasumi.

With respect to claim 1, Yasumi teaches a system for distribution of periodical documents (direct mail) to at least one outlet, comprising a server arrangement (second line of the Solution), at least one outlet computer ( which is either the computer of an order receiver side or a computer of an orderer side on a homepage (see the first and second lines of the Solution) allowing communication with a network (second line of the Solution) wherein an electronic copy is comprised in a print format (line 4 of the Solution) and receiving said data comprising the electronic copy of the periodical

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document from the server arrangement (see line 2 of the Solution); and printing a copy of the periodical document from the electronic copy of the periodical document on request of a customer, see line 8 of the Solution. Furthermore, Yasumi teaches the outlet computer arrangement (chosen from among the two computers named above) is arranged to carry out a payment procedure upon request by a customer. This limitation is addressed at line 4 of the Solution which states in part: "... an estimate price is calculated and displayed by selecting one among printing forms and inputting the number of copies prepared by the orderer side computer."

With respect to claim 6, Yasumi teaches the server arrangement (according to line 2 of the Solution) as claimed, wherein a copy of the periodical document is sent to an outlet computer (first line of the Solution) wherein the electronic copy (direct mail) comprises the content of the periodical document and information of a predetermined print format (according to mail format, line 2 of the Solution); to receive by said at least one outlet computer arrangement (line 1 of the Solution) said data comprising the electronic copy of the periodical from the server (line 2 of the Solution) and to print (see line 8 of the solution) upon a users request. . Furthermore, Yasumi teaches the outlet computer arrangement (chosen from among the two computers named above) is arranged to carry out a payment procedure upon request by a customer. This limitation is addressed at line 4 of the Solution which states in part: "... an estimate price is

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calculated and displayed by selecting one among printing forms and inputting the number of copies prepared by the orderer side computer."

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasumi in view of Tognazzini.

Yasumi teaches all of the subject matter as supported by claim 1, but fails to teach the combination of features provided in claim 2.

Tognazzini teaches receiving an electronic copy of a periodical and registers information data from the publishing computer, information data comprising data about an actual edition of the periodical document (such as date sent) and data about a location of the outlet computer (address of the outlet computer), see col. 2, lines 45-54. Furthermore, Tognazzini teaches national language support operations, see element 603 in figure 6 for supporting translations between a first and second language as claimed.

Since Yasumi and Tognazinni are both directed to the transmission and distribution of electronic documents, the purpose of registering unique data about the document and providing translational services, would have been recognized by Yasumi as set forth by Tognazinni.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the software used to run the computer and server, discussed in the Solution, for the purpose of providing the limitations as claimed and supported by Tognazinni.

3.

#### Claims Allowed

Claims 10, 14 and 16 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, to received data comprising said electronic copy of said periodical document from a publishing computer to register information data from said publishing computer said information data comprising data about an actual edition of said periodical document, and data about a location of said at least one outlet computer arrangement to distribute said periodical document to; and to apply national language support operations to said electronic copy of said periodical document to produce a translation of one or more menus to be shown to a customer during the selection step of a periodical document ; said translation being in a national language of the location of the location of said at least one outlet computer arrangement in the

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national language of choice of the customer, or the national language of the periodical document.

Claims 12, 17 and 19 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... to carry out a payment procedure with said customer when said request is received from said customer; and to store the payment related data obtained in said payment procedure with said customer in the memory means of said at least one outlet computer arrangement for sending to said server arrangement at a later time, and to send said stored payment related data to said server arrangement at said later time.

4.

#### Examiner's Remarks

Applicants remarks have been considered but are unpersuasive to allow the claims for the reasons provided below.

With regard to claim 1, applicant argues, " YASUMI ... does not disclose that an electronic copy of the document ever leaves the order receiver or is transmitted at all."..

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The examiner notes with peculiarity that claim 1 does not positively recite or propose to assume this limitation. Furthermore, applicant argues that Yamsumi does not teach or disclose that a copy of the document is printed at the orderer from a received electronic copy." Applicant is arguing limitations which are not supported in the claim. Hence, the argument is not convincing.

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 703-305-4391. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams, can be reached on (703) 305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

  
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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